

The Ascension of the Lord

June 2, 2019

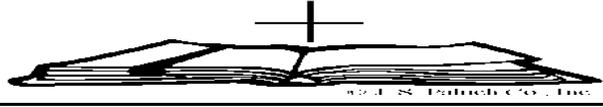
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

— Psalm 47:6

FEET ON THE GROUND

“Until next week, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!” Not today’s scriptural wisdom, but legendary DJ Casey Kasem’s sage advice, heard across America for generations, *American Top 40*’s challenging sign-off. Though Casey wasn’t quoting scripture, today’s Acts of the Apostles offers similar advice. As Jesus ascended, disciples “were looking intently at the sky.” Wouldn’t we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus’ first disciples, “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should “keep reaching for” heaven, we need to “keep our feet on the ground.” Ascension’s scriptures and the Jubilee of Mercy remind us: the Jesus we revere as “ascended into heaven” lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.

Mass Intentions



Sat., June 01, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Hotard Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Gloria Guyton, Kenny and Susan Bradley, Guidry and Bolotte Family, Breaux Family, Amy Goff, Jo Thompson (L), Ronnie Ducombs, Unborn Baby (L)

Sun., June 02, 7:30 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule’, Alvin Satches, David Tucker, Jon Craig (L), Sandy Young (L), Carol Pieri, Ruth Christie, Gloria Fabre, John Roach, Jr., Stephanie Callias (L)

Sun., June 02, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., June 02, 11:00 a.m. Audrey Eiermann

Mon., June 03, 8:00 a.m. Jay Weil (L)

Tues., June 04 NO MASS

Wed., June 05, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Thurs., June 06, 8:00 a.m. Megan Guidry (L)

Fri., June 07, 8:00 a.m. Jon Craig (L)

Sat., June 08, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Hotard Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Gloria Guyton, Larry Kass, Barrilleaux Family, Ciara Foote (L), Earline Mauthe (L), Frank Flynn, Unborn Baby (L)

Sun., June 09, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., June 09, 9:15 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey, Dr. Normi Miller, Fred and LeLe Kopfler (L), Andrew Danenhower (L), Mary LeBlanc (L)

Sun., June 09, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur
Scott St. Romaine
Earline Mauthe
Fred Kopfler

James Michael Cole
Michael Estrada
Jessica Landry
Louise Cashmere

Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers. May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full active life of our community and their families.

In order to keep the Prayer List up to Date, please call the office to add or delete for the list. Will purge names monthly. Thank in advance for your assistance.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes	\$ 2,409.00
Loose	\$ 1,346.75
Bldg. and Preservation Fund	\$ 85.00

Next weekend we will have a 2nd collection for Holy Father-Peters Pence

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary</i>	Jeannette Marino
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Carol Pieri
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Gary Treuil
<i>St. Ann</i>	Mary Anne Treuil (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of

Corey Rainey

Father’s Day is June 16th. A book, near the door at the back of Church, is available to write your intentions for Mass on Father’s Day. You may place your fathers, grandfathers, brothers and uncles names and anyone who you wish to remember on this special day in the intention book. They will be remembered for the month of June. Thank you for your continued support of the Altar Society in its efforts to make the Church a beautiful place to worship.

A GARDENER’S CREED

One is nearer God’s heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

LIGHT IT UP!

Set the World on Fire with the Light of Christ

When: June 24-28, 2019 from 9:00-12:30

Register online at: <https://stjohnbaptistfolsom.org/vbs>
or pick up a form in the back of Church.

Learn about dynamic Catholic Saints, the beauty of the Mass, & how to share the Light of Christ through games, crafts, music, food & fellowship!

NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST POT LUCK

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 23rd at 12:15 p.m. in Jonathan Hall to honor our patron saint. Everyone is invited to attend this pot luck. Please bring your favorite dish to share with others such as vegetables, casseroles, desserts etc. We hope to see you there.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION: 2019-2020

Registration is now open for PSR classes for K through 12 for new and returning students. Registration is open until July 30. Class will begin September 4th. Be an early bird and get a \$10.00 discount per child.

COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for a wedding coordinator to help the bride and groom with various tasks as needed. This would only be when we have a wedding scheduled at St. John's. For more information, please call the office at 796-3806.

WINGED FAITH

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar into Heaven.—St. John Climacus

DAY OF REFRESHMENT FOR WOMEN

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) will sponsor an exciting Day of Refreshment for Women on Saturday, June 29, 2019, from 10:00 to 3:00 at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in River Ridge. The theme is "Amazed and Astonished." Women's Retreat Team members Andi Oney and Terry Canale will speak at this event. There will be testimonies by women of the region along with prayer and praise. Cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Teaching, small groups, prayer ministry, and music by Mercy Beaucoup will be featured. Register online at www.ccrno.org by Wednesday, June 26, 2019, noon, to order lunch. On-site registrations are accepted, but no lunch is guaranteed. For more information, call CCRNO at 504-828-1368 or visit www.ccrno.org. See bulletin board on Church porch.

CATHOLIC MEN-WHERE IS GOD IN YOUR LIFE?

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Charles Duke Council #3465 is sponsoring a morning of spirituality and fellowship for Catholic Men and their sons at St. Ann Church & National Shrine, 3601 Transcontinental Dr., Metairie, LA 70006, Saturday, June 29, 2019, beginning with Mass at 7:30 AM. The theme is "Where is God in Your Life?" Guest speakers include Jerry Christopher, Danny Abramowics, and Sean Schaff. The morning will include Adoration and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. See bulletin board on Church porch.

REMINDERS!

Knights of Columbus meetings are the second Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Catch Fire Youth Group will meet June 3rd and July 14th

Monday night bible study, Revelation, 7:30 p.m. in library

Every Thursday men's group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Library

Every Thursday and Friday, Ephesians Adult Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.